

I request that Chairman Powell deny the request to change the current rule regarding ownership of broadcast stations. It is imperative for a healthy democracy that the citizens be able to get divergent opinions from a wide variety of sources. If the ownership of the media is allowed to be further consolidated into the control of a few companies, our democracy will be compromised.

I request that Chairman Powell not make any decision regarding this very controversial change and that he open the process to a public examination by our elected representatives so that the voices and concerns of our citizens may be expressed and heard and considered in the final